

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 31, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 272, 1/31/2017; HB 305, 1/31/2017; SB 41, 1/31/2017

HEARING ON HB 272**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:25 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 272, Establish label requirements for pasteurized milk.

[EXHIBIT\(agh22a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:36 Krista Lee Evens, Montana Milk Producers Association

[EXHIBIT\(agh22a02\)](#)

00:15:15 Robert Adamson, Meadow Gold Dairy

00:15:41 Amy Angel, Self

[EXHIBIT\(agh22a03\)](#)

00:19:57 JD Lynch, Teamsters Local #2

00:21:03 Dan Turcotte, Milk and Egg Bureau

00:21:35 Eric Anderson, Teamsters #190

00:23:08 Vice Chair Pierson joined the meeting

00:23:25 Frank Kues, Meadow Gold Dairy

00:24:19 Edd Waldner, Meadow Gold Dairy

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:09 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:25:27 Rep. Ricci

00:25:40 Rep. Bennett

00:25:57 Rep. G. Hertz

00:27:28 Rep. McKamey

00:28:03 Rep. G. Hertz

00:28:40 Rep. Harris

00:29:13 Rep. G. Hertz

00:30:09 Rep. Harris

00:30:30 Rep. G. Hertz

00:31:58 Rep. Harris

00:32:50 Krista Lee Evens, Montana Milk Producers Association

00:33:20 Rep. Bennett

00:33:57 Rep. G. Hertz

00:34:45 Rep. Funk

00:35:25 Krista Lee Evens, Montana Milk Producers Association

00:36:19 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:37:05 Robert Adamson, Meadow Gold Dairy

00:37:27 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:37:41 Robert Adamson, Meadow Gold Dairy

00:38:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:38:36 Dan Turcotte, Milk and Egg Bureau

00:38:56 Rep. Staffanson

00:39:14 Rep. G. Hertz
00:39:37 Rep. Staffanson
00:39:47 Rep. G. Hertz
00:40:06 Rep. Ricci
00:40:34 Dan Turcotte, Milk and Egg Bureau
00:41:29 Rep. Ricci
00:41:37 Dan Turcotte, Milk and Egg Bureau
00:42:09 Chair Redfield
00:42:28 Dan Turcotte, Milk and Egg Bureau
00:43:38 Chair Redfield
00:43:44 Dan Turcotte, Milk and Egg Bureau
00:44:09 Rep. Webb
00:44:26 Rep. G. Hertz
00:44:31 Rep. Webb
00:44:36 Rep. G. Hertz
00:45:04 Rep. McKamey
00:45:18 Rep. G. Hertz
00:46:08 Rep. Olsen
00:46:36 Rep. G. Hertz
00:47:07 Rep. Sales
00:47:27 Robert Adamson, Meadow Gold Dairy
00:47:43 Rep. Sales
00:47:55 Robert Adamson, Meadow Gold Dairy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:46 Rep. G. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 305**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:48 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 305, Revising laws related to county bounties on predators.

[**EXHIBIT\(agh22a04\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:12 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[**EXHIBIT\(agh22a05\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(agh22a06\)**](#)

00:59:07 Chris King, Petroleum County
00:59:57 Todd Devlin, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:01:28 Chelsie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:02:47 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
01:04:06 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU), Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
01:04:52 Matt Graveley, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:41 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

[**EXHIBIT\(agh22a07\)**](#)

01:09:58 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF), National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

[EXHIBIT\(agh22a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh22a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh22a10\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:13:45 Quentin Kujala, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:14:13 George Edwards, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:02 Vice Chair Pierson

01:15:39 Rep. Harris

01:16:38 Vice Chair Pierson

01:16:58 Rep. Harris

01:17:28 Vice Chair Pierson

01:17:54 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

01:18:39 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:19:17 Rep. Ricci

01:19:54 Todd Devlin,

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01:21:00 Todd Devlin

01:21:13 Vice Chair Pierson

01:21:47 Matt Graveley, MSGA

01:22:29 Rep. Curdy

01:23:02 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:23:23 Rep. Curdy

01:23:35 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:24:02 Rep. Curdy

01:24:35 Harold Blattie, MACo

01:25:15 Rep. Curdy

01:25:42 Harold Blattie, MACo

01:25:50 Rep. Sales

01:26:21 Rep. Harris

01:26:23 Rep. Sales

01:26:42 Rep. Harris

01:28:08 Rep. Sales

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:27 Rep Harris

HEARING ON SB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:28 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 41, Revise terms for livestock loss prevention grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:44 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

01:34:33 Todd Devlin, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:35:02 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:35:29 Chelsie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:36:15 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)
01:37:04 Levi Astberg, Montana farmers union, Montana wool growers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:32 Rep. Curdy
01:37:58 Sen. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:14 Sen. Moore

01:40:24 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:41:46

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh22aad.pdf](#))